

FLOOR STATEMENT
BY
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OF THE
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
ON THE
SENATE RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE
TO THE VICTIMS OF THE
UNITED STATES EMBASSY BOMBING IN BEIRUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1983

MR. PRESIDENT. I RISE TO INTRODUCE A SENATE RESOLUTION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS TO DEPLORE THE RECENT BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND TO EXPRESS THE SORROW AND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH AND WOUNDING OF AMERICANS CAUGHT IN THIS BOMBING.

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM SURE THAT MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE THAT ON APRIL 18, 1983, THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, WAS THE TARGET OF A CAR-BOMB ATTACK. WHILE WE DO NOT YET HAVE ALL THE FACTS ON THE MATTER, IT IS CLEAR THAT A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THIS BRUTAL AND COWARDLY ACT. AMONG THE DEAD WERE MANY AMERICANS, MOST OF THEM ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. MANY LOCAL LEBANESE EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY WERE ALSO KILLED AND WOUNDED.

MR. PRESIDENT, EVERY YEAR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA